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SUBJ: STATE VISIT TO INDIA OF SIR SERETSE KHAMA

1. THE PRESIDENT OF BOTSWANA, SIR SERETSE KHAMA AND LADY KHAMA PAID A STATE VISIT TO INDIA FROM APRIL 3 TO APRIL 11, 1976. DURING HIS VISIT KHAMA MET WITH THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA, FAKHRUDDIN ALI AHMED, PRIME MINISTER INDIRA GANDHI, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE JAGJIVAN RAM, AND FOREIGN MINISTER Y. B. CHAVAN. THE VISIT WAS MARKED BY A BANQUET HOSTED BY PRESIDENT AHMED AND A JOINT COMMUNIQUE AT THE END OF THE VISIT.

2. INTERESTINGLY, AT THE BANQUET HELD ON APRIL 4TH, THE INDIAN RHETORIC ON THE SUBJECT OF SOUTHERN AFRICA WAS STRONGER THAN BOTSWANA'S. PRESIDENT AHMED NOTED THAT INDIA HAS BEEN PRIVILEGED TO SUPPORT THE LIBERATION OF AFRICA SINCE INDIAN

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INDEPENDENCE IN 1947. MORE RECENTLY, HE NOTED, "THE

BRAVE PEOPLE OF ANGOLA, SOON AFTER THEIR INDEPENDENCE, HAD TO FACE AN ARMED AGGRESSION BY THE RACIST REGIME OF SOUTH AFRIC." PRESIDENT KHAMA, WHO REFERRED TO THE RECENT ANGOLAN CONFLICT AS A "CIVIL WAR", DECLARED THAT "WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE IMPOSITION OF FOREIGN IDEOLOGIES ON OUR PEOPLE. WE WILL REGARD AS IMPERIALISTIC ANY FOREIGN POWER WHICH SEEKS TO EXTEND ITS HEGEMONY BEYOND ITS FRONTIERS, AND WILL RESIST ANY ATTEMPTS BY SUCH POWER TO TURN OUR CONTINENT INTO A THEATER OF SUPER-POWER IDEOLOGICAL CONFRONTATION."

3. COMPARED WITH THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED FOLLOWING THE VISITS OF AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE VISITING INDIA DURING THE PAST YEAR, THE INDO-BOTSWANA JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS SURPRISINGLY MILD IN TONE. BOTH SIDES CONDEMNED APARTHEID AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, WELCOMED THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE FORMER PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES, AND APPLAUDED MOZAMBIQUE'S DECISION TO APPLY SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA. ELSEWHERE, BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED PERFUNCTORY SUPPORT FOR THE ARAB CAUSE, FAVORED A JUST AND EQUITABLE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, SUPPORTED THE DECLARATION OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AS A ZONE OF PEACE, AND EXPRESSED CONCERN AT THE EXPANSION OF DEIGO GARCIA. THE INDIAN SIDE OUTLINED RECENT INITIATIVES TAKEN FOR THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF THE SUBCONTINENT, AND PRESIDENT KHAMA EXPRESSED ADMIRATION FOR THE PROGRESS MADE BY INDIA UNDER MRS. GANDHI'S LEADERSHIP.

4. DURING THE JOINT TALKS, THE BOTSWANA DELEGATION MADE SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR INDIAN TEACHERS, ACCOUNTANTS, AND WATER TECHNOLOGY EXPERTS. BOTSWANA ALSO SOUGHT INDIAN ASSISTANCE IN THE FIELD OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND LOW-COST HOUSING. INDIA ALSO AGREED TO SUPPLY DRY FARMING TECHNOLOGY AND SIMPLE AGRICULTURAL TOOLS AND MACHINES.

5. PRESIDENT KHAMA DEPARTED INDIA AFTER VISITING BOMBAY, HISSAR, AGRA, BANGALORE AND MADRAS.
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